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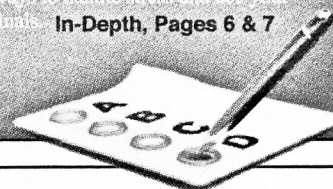
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More than 600 boxes collected

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More than 600 boxes were collected this year during Operation Christmas Child on Nov. 12. The total number of boxes collected for children overseas fell short of the goal of 1,000 boxes but was still considered a success by all who were involved.

There are several factors for why the numbers were down this year compared to last year's approximate 900 boxes.

Megan Sherman, organizational leader for OCC, believes that fewer professors offered extra credit for putting together a box compared to last year. Sherman said the extra points in classes encouraged students to participate, and by not getting the extra incentive to do so, unfortunately, some students opted not to partake this year.

Another possibility for a decrease in numbers is that Students in Free Enterprise, the sponsor for the event, stressed the fact that each box costs \$7 to ship. Christine Ellis, SIFE president, said that may have pushed students away as well.

Last year, SIFE was about \$1,000 short of the shipping costs, according to Sherman.

"Students thought that they either did not have to turn the money in or forgot (last year)," Sherman said.

To prevent any misunderstandings this year, SIFE members made it a point to include the shipping costs while advertising for the event. They also made changes to the turn-in process.

"We had the students filter through McHie to turn in their shipping money," Sherman said. "The changes made in the collec-

tion enabled us to make sure that each box was paid for before entering chapel."

The boxes were to be wrapped in two separate pieces, the lid separate from the bottom. This was important because SIFE members and members from the Business Seminar in Leadership, who also helped out, went through each box after it was turned in to make sure it was filled correctly.

For the most part, each box was filled properly, but there were some that did not make the cut.

Sherman said some boxes included items that looked used.

"Some students had included what looked to be used deodorant as well as used crayons and markers," she said.

They also found other items that were not allowed, such as liquids that could easily spill and chocolate that may melt.

In cases where these items were found, they were removed from the boxes. If the removal of the items made the boxes look empty, the volunteers combined the box with another.

Despite the setbacks, the students that were involved this year with OCC still consider the event a success.

"Regardless of how many boxes we bring in, it is a success," junior Rebecca Jensen said. "I always count it as a success if even one child is able to have a Christmas that they may not have had otherwise."

Ellis agreed.

"To know that we can put a smile on a child's face on Christmas day is enough incentive to get involved with OCC," she said. "We are very pleased with the outcome of this year and look forward to seeing what impact we can make in the years to come for children around the world."



PHOTO BY KELLY HOLCOMB

Senior Melissa Harmon is just one of many Olivet students who will put a smile on a child's face with a simple shoe box filled with toys for Christmas.

Capitol Hill Gang hosts student debate

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ONU students representing Democrats, Republicans and Libertarians took on everything from health care reform to the stimulus package in the fall debate Nov. 9.

Naturally, Democrats defended President Barack Obama while Republicans opposed his policies on the economy, health care and foreign policy. The Libertarians, meanwhile, agreed with Republicans on finances and health care but found differences on foreign policy.

The participants were members of Capitol Hill Gang, the political science club at Olivet that sponsored the debate.

On every question asked by moderator Jared Alvey, the two major parties butted heads.

As they debated health care, Democrat Josh Tornstrom said his party's approach on health care will provide insurance for families in the lower middle class, allowing them to see a doctor for an illness before it worsens and they go to the emergency room.

Fellow Democrat Muhle Mamba also considered the health and research advantages if the government had computer files of Americans' genetic information. Under this plan, the government would not pass this data to insurance companies or other private businesses, she said.

"(The government) would want that information to protect lives, versus exploiting people even further," Mamba said.

Republican Ethan Burch, however, said it would violate the Fourth Amendment of the Consti-

tution for the government to have personal medical information without an individual's consent.

Also on health care, the Republican side supported tort reform that limits civil lawsuits on medical issues. Republicans favored an idea also supported by Libertarian Ryan Dykhouse, who advocated for greater "ability to choose between health coverage across state borders."

McGreevy said his party's plan is to repair health care, rather than overhaul it.

"We're looking to fix the leaky sink," he said. "We're not looking to get a new one."

Republicans, along with Libertarians, disagreed with Democrats on fiscal issues.

In their criticism of the stimulus package, for example, Republicans and Libertarians em-

phasized the inefficient use of government dollars. McGreevy looked at the return per government dollar spent while Libertarian Taylor Williamson reported a cost per new job created of more than \$300,000.

Mamba supported the stimulus for creating jobs and investing in secondary and primary education.

The two major parties also disagreed on foreign policy.

Tornstrom said the United States should close its facility for suspected terrorists in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and send the prisoners through the American court system to determine guilt or innocence.

Burch downplayed the prisoners' rights, stating that "the Preamble of the Constitution ... essentially dedicates the Consti-

tution specifically to American citizens," which means that "enemy combatants do not receive constitutional rights in the same way that American citizens do." Also, the Geneva Conventions protect uniformed enemy combatants but not fighters without uniforms, he said.

Unlike the other issues, foreign policy was a source of difference for Libertarians and Republicans. On Guantanamo Bay, the two sides agreed on having military tribunals for the suspects, but the Libertarians were willing to give suspects prisoner-of-war status.

"We are fighting what's called a war on terror, and as such, it should be treated as a war," Dykhouse said. "And those combatants that are caught on the field (should be) treated as prisoners of war."



Variety among chapel requirements

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Olivet students are well aware that chapel is held three times per week in Chalfant Hall and that students are assigned to two days in which they must attend services. Other Nazarene schools, however, handle their chapel requirements a little differently.

According to Michael Kennedy, junior and vice president for spiritual life at Eastern Nazarene College, students at ENC are allowed to miss six chapels per year – just like ONU students. Students who miss more than six chapels are fined. However, ENC students have their cards scanned when they enter chapel rather than having assigned seats.

Joby Berry is a senior religious studies student who transferred from ONU to Northwestern Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho, at the beginning of the fall semester.

"The chapel policy here is, in my opinion, a lot better," Berry said. "At NNU, we do not have assigned days or seats for chapel. Each full-time student who lives on campus is required to attend 32 chapels throughout the semester. You can also attend different ministry clubs or go to a student-led worship service called Time Out, and they will count as alternate chapel credit."

Berry said a student can use up to five alternate chapel credits for the 32-credit requirement. A student may request a lower chapel requirement if he or she has an internship or job off campus. Seniors at NNU are only required to attend 22 chapels during their graduating semester.

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Sarah Whittenberg is a junior at Southern Nazarene University. She said students at SNU must earn 27 chapel credits per semester. This can be done by attending chapel or other religious services.

"We have chapel two times a week every week," Whittenberg said. "But you can also go to Friday morning prayers, and that gives you a chapel credit. You can also have five enrichment credits, which can be acquired by various activities like going to Wednesday night church or one of the special events that spiritual development holds. All you do is go, then write a petition for a credit, which is very simple."

SNU also has a new program this year called the Student Service Program in which students volunteer at a specific place, such as a homeless shelter, every week.

MidAmerica Nazarene University's chapel policy is based on a point system.

Each student is required to get 40 points per semester," Mitchell Cloud, a student at MNU, said. "There are three chapels per week. Tuesday is a Community chapel and worth two points. Wednesday is Morning Prayers chapel and worth one point. Thursday is a student-led chapel and is worth one point. By any combination of chapels, students must reach the 40 points. There are about 75 points available throughout the semester. Sometimes there are other events that are worth chapel points like late-night Recharge services or movies that are watched by the whole campus."

According to Cloud, students are fined \$50 if they do not earn all 40 points. They are also fined an additional \$10 for each point missed under 39.

CHAPEL PENALTIES

3rd ABSENCE
e-mail notice stating student has exceeded allowed absences

4th ABSENCE
\$20 fine

5th ABSENCE
\$20 fine

6th ABSENCE
\$30 fine

7th ABSENCE
\$30 fine

8th ABSENCE
\$40 fine and possible two-day suspension

9th ABSENCE
\$40 fine and possible two-day suspension

10th ABSENCE
\$50 fine and possible disenrollment

REFERENCE: STUDENT LIFE HANDBOOK 2009-2010

Students at Olivet are allowed to miss three chapels per semester before they begin receiving fines.

According to student development secretary Teri Blanchette, the fourth time a student misses chapel results in a \$20 fine, as does the fifth time. The sixth and seventh absences result in a \$30 fine per miss, and the fines keep increasing from there. The eighth time a student misses chapel, a hold is put on his or her registration and the student is not allowed to have any excused absences before he or she appears before chapel council. After the 10th chapel absence, a student is at risk of being

dismissed from the university.

The chapel schedule for Olivet will be slightly different once the new building is complete.

According to Woody Webb, vice president for student development, chapel will be held twice a week in the Centennial Chapel as of January 2011. All resident students will be required to attend and will have assigned seating as they do now.

Commuters who are taking more than 12 credit hours and who have classes before chapel hour are also required to attend chapel on the days in which they have those classes, Webb said.

Professor offers a relational look at spiritual growth

Presentation looks at ways that God changes 'takers' into 'givers'

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Human relationships are the primary means that God uses to change people from being self-centered individuals to other-centered believers, ONU professor William Dean said in a presentation Nov. 12.

Dean stressed what he called "formative relationships," or bonds that people have with those who are important to their spiritual development.

"God is not just involved with me alone," Dean said. "He's involved with all my circle of formative friends, and He is speaking to me through them. A conversation with our friend becomes a conversation with God."

Dean used the concept of a web of relationships, as opposed to the idea of the "vertical" relationship individuals have with God and the "horizontal" relationships people have with other people.

Evangelicals tend to lose sight of the significance of these horizontal relationships, Dean said.

"We think, 'The vertical relationship is the most important. I've got to keep my relationship with God. I've got to do business with God. I've got to ask Him for forgiveness.' ... And we forget that there's the horizontal relationship of our friends," he said.

Dean said the church functions as a web of relationships vital for people's salvation and church members' spiritual welfare. Christians have a hard time

understanding this, he said, partly because of the rewards that people get for being "strong and confident," as opposed to "weak and dependent." But regardless of the social stigma, everyone is weak and dependent, he said.

This aversion to being vulnerable plays itself out in interpersonal interaction, Dean said.

"You get a group of people together and have them talk about the deepest needs of their heart and life, and everybody's tongue is tied. Alright?" Dean said. "So then you roll them all in front of computers and put them on Facebook, and they spill their guts."

To tackle this relational problem, Dean said, believers should consciously establish formative relationships with writers in

their books, with friends and with more seasoned believers such as pastors or relatives. He said pastors need to preach on these connections, and adults in the church need to exemplify them.

Some ONU graduates are entering communities founded on such relationships, Dean said, referring to one alumnus who lives with two single people and two married couples.

"They have made a commitment to each other – to watch over each other in their attitudes, in the way they spend money, and their relationships with other people," Dean said.

Besides formative relationships, Dean said that God uses knowledge and hardship "to transform us from takers into givers."

Takers are focused on themselves while givers look to the needs of others, he said.

Dean compared selfish humanity to a smashed-up Pepsi can.

"This is kind of an analogy to the human condition," Dean said, holding the can. "We are recognizably human but so warped by this self-interest that we are of no earthly good to anyone but recycled."

For his presentation – "The Kingdom of Crybabies: Church in a Narcissistic World" – Dean drew from a book he is looking to publish that is titled "Growing Up, Choosing Adulthood: A Relational Approach to Spiritual and Emotional Maturity." Dean gave his lecture as part of the ONU Honors Program.

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Cadets leading cadets

Life for Army ROTC students is an intense four-year ride

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About 10 underclassmen in their camouflage Army uniforms are solving a problem: How to get across a canyon using the materials found on site: a rope, canteens and a tree. The canyon is really just two pieces of tape on the ground marking off where the cadets can and can't step. It is 4 p.m. on a Thursday, and in the early evening coolness, Fortin Villa becomes a training ground for Olivet's Roaring Tiger Battalion.

Standing back a few feet, watching the group in action, is senior cadet Kyle Saffell. He watches the freshmen and sophomores as they swing across the "canyon" using the rope they've knotted around a tree branch. When they drag the ground, Saffell tells them they have a penalty and the group counts the ten seconds out loud, "one one thousand, two one thousand ..."

Rank is very important in ROTC and much of the training focuses around crucial leadership skills. After all, when they graduate, they will become officers in the Army and will be in charge of numbers of soldiers.

At every stage of their training, the cadets are learning to lead. A mantra for the ROTC program is "cadets leading cadets" and that is what Saffell is doing. As a senior he is a tactical officer, which means he oversees how the platoon operates. The labs are planned by seniors and executed by juniors. According to senior Isaac Escobar, cadets basically

lead the battalion and instructors are just there to supervise.

With each progressive year in ROTC, more leadership and responsibility is added.

Senior A.J. Carraway said ROTC became less of a burden and more of an activity as he got older and was given more responsibility.

Even though they are all cadets, there is respect given to the older students and Saffell said the underclassmen call him "Sir" or "Captain."

Not only are upperclassmen leading drills and operations, they're also leading through mentoring. Each underclassman is given an upperclassman as a mentor.

"Our entire battalion is like our family," senior Brooklyn Taylor said.

This year, ROTC, which stands for Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps., is a family of 90 cadets. The enrollment has been steadily increasing every year, said Lt. Col. James Carmean. In 2005 the program only commissioned one to three students into the Army. Now, Olivet's campus has the largest number of cadets in Chicagoland.

Thursday is ROTC day. While their roommates are sleeping with the peaceful assurance that their alarms won't go off for another two or three hours, Olivet's cadets roll out of bed around 5 a.m. to start the day with physical training. Then they go to classes like the rest of us until ROTC starts again at 3:30 p.m. At 5:30 there's a lab with hands-on training

such as battle drills. Class is from 6-9:30 but seniors don't finish until 10:30 or 11.

All cadets also have physical training twice a week to build endurance. The cadets are tested on how many push-ups they can do in two minutes, how many sit-ups they can do in two minutes, and how quickly they can run two miles. For a 21-year-old male to complete the training at 100 percent he would have to do 71 push-ups in two minutes, 78 sit-ups in two minutes and run two miles in 13 minutes. The standard for Olivet's program is to complete each exercise at 70 percent, while the general standard for the Army is 60 percent.

Taylor, who is also a nursing major, has had to learn time management skills to balance ROTC with some of the most difficult coursework at Olivet. One way she is able to succeed is by focusing on the big picture. She reminds herself that when she graduates she'll be saving lives and serving God and her country. It was really tough her freshman year and she thought about quitting ROTC, but she said when you figure out the reason why you're doing it and for whom you're doing it, it puts all the struggles in a new light.

Each year, around eight to 10 students decide that ROTC just isn't for them, said Carmean. He said freshmen year is more of a trial run to see if they like it.

"Normally if they make it through the first year they are going to stay," Carmean said.

According to Olivet's Web site, students who finish all of the

upper-division classes receive a commission as second lieutenant in the Army upon graduation. They are also awarded a minor in military science by the university.

After graduation, the ROTC members have an eight-year commitment to the Army. They can either serve four years active duty and four years inactive duty with the Army or six years active duty and two years inactive duty with the Reserve or National Guard.

But before they get to that point they have to complete the Leadership Development and Assessment Course the summer after their junior year. This is like BASIC training for officers. At the month-long camp in the state of Washington, all junior cadets in the nation are ranked against each other.

According to Carraway, the entire point of the ROTC program is to prepare cadets for the LDAC.

Where the Army sends them after school is based on the order of merit list. Starting their freshman year, many factors, such as GPA, physical training tests, extracurricular activities, and how they did at the LDAC count toward their order on the list.

Senior cadets choose the top Army branches they prefer, such as artillery or aviation. The higher you are ranked, the better chance you have of getting your top choice.

Carraway wanted to be placed in infantry after graduation, and he found out a few weeks ago that he got in. He said making it into infantry was like hitting the lot-

tery. Carraway comes from a military family and his father fought in Vietnam.

Even after graduation, Carraway won't be done with training. He has to go through a three-month BASIC training course in Georgia and then attend Ranger school. When he finishes, he'll be placed in charge of a platoon of 40-50 male soldiers.

While Carraway is excited about leading a platoon and going to Afghanistan, he said it's been hard to explain his decision to his mother and four older sisters. He said they're very proud and supportive, but they still don't want him to be in the most dangerous branch of the Army.

Many cadets at Olivet joined the military not only as a way to serve their country, but to serve their God as well. Taylor has felt called to missions since she was very young, and the military is her mission field. She said that because she's wearing a uniform, she has the opportunity to reach many people in many places she wouldn't normally have access to.

Carmean said the Christian aspect is one of the program's strengths.

"A lot of the values that we're trying to instill in future Army leaders are values that coincide quite well with values that are being taught here at ONU," he said.

Some examples of these values are selfless service, respect and duty. After four years, God is at the center of all their hard work.

"In our battalion, we train around the Lord," Taylor said.



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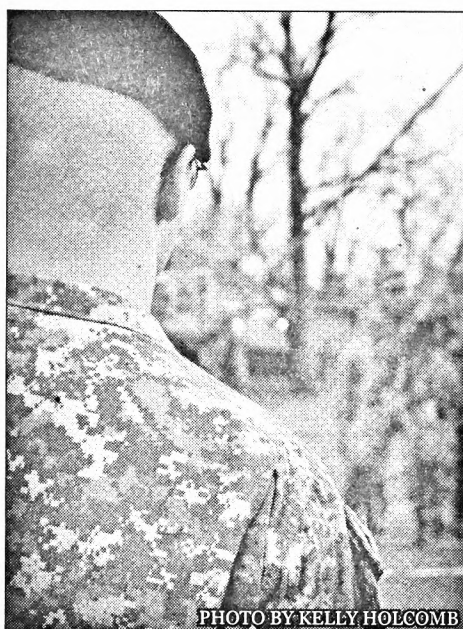
Underclassmen ROTC students are watched by upperclassman leaders as they try to complete critical thinking exercises at Fortin Villa.



Left: Kyle Peachey (top) assists William Frodge during the "one rope bridge" contest across a creek at the Ranger Challenge competition. The five-man team finished in first place this year.



Underclassmen put all their effort into their problem-solving exercise at Fortin Villa.



Top: Kyle Saffell observes underclassmen as they do their weekly training at Fortin Villa. This training promotes leadership and enhances problem-solving skills.

Soldier Students

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BEEP! BEEP!! BEEP!!! The all too familiar sound of the alarm clock sounds a few hours earlier for some students on campus. After groggily falling into a pair of shorts, a T-shirt and warm-ups, these students assume a new level of professionalism, being well aware they are representing something more than just themselves.

Making their way to McHie Arena,

they will complete a dizzying amount of push-ups and sit-ups before leaving for a 40-minute run; these individuals temporarily replace their identities as college students with that of military professionals.

Following their physical training session, several of these students will make their way to breakfast. Here through their laughter and fellowship, they will continue to form the bonds that link these individuals coming from all varieties of backgrounds into a group with bonds stronger than most others can understand. Maybe there is something to be said for the power of sweating together to accomplish one goal.

Following a quick shower, these students will pull on their civilian clothes, leaving only their haircuts to distinguish them from their peers. From here they will make their way to a full day of classes, studying everything from photography to criminal justice, again balancing the demands of being both a soldier and student. Once a week these students will again switch roles as they dress in their Army combat uniform and cross the street to Alfred Fortin Villa, where they will receive the training essential to becoming a Christian officer in to-

day's tumultuous environment.

Perhaps the most invaluable quality these students will gain is the sense of community and solidarity they feel as expressed by one member of their ranks stating, "In the Army, it's all about people. Everything you do, whether here in ROTC or in your career as an officer, revolves around your people. How will you lead them? Take care of them? Help them? Pray for them? The people that you train with, lead, and mentor here are the people that you will keep near you for the rest of your life."

The bonds formed between these student-soldiers may be amongst the strongest on campus as they follow a set of values and ethos that would not harm others to replicate during the demanding years of college. Insisting on determination, perseverance and a high level of moral living, these individuals confront the challenges of college life as well as the sacrifices demanded of any member of today's military.

Although the demands of this busy lifestyle are certain, so are the feelings of both pride and accomplishment as they join an elite group of those sworn to protect the Constitution of the United States – the officers of the U.S. military.

Right: Adam Steveley crawls under barbed wire at the fall field-training-exercise obstacle course.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JACOB CROWLEY

Miss Shilvock goes to Washington

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I have the privilege to study in Washington, D.C., this semester. Though I miss Olivet and am excited to return in the spring and see my friends and professors, I am learning much here and am developing not only as a student, but also as a Christian. While I cannot begin to describe all my experiences studying off-campus, I would like to explain what my semester looks like and what has impacted me the most thus far.

In the American Studies Program, the semester consists of classes in which we focus on one particular policy issue – in this case, international migration – as well as working at an internship.

The classes, while geared toward public policy issues, are also teaching me about vocation, justice and "Shalom." I am considering my calling in life and how to enact justice through my chosen vocation, while also understanding my responsibility to establish "Shalom" – a Hebrew word meaning the way things ought to be – because of my faith in Christ.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY SARAH SHILVOCK

Sarah Shilvock (left) and two of her roommates spend some free time on the National Mall in front of the U.S. Capitol, where Sarah interns.

For my internship, I am working at the office of Rep. Steve King, who represents my home district in Iowa. It has been a wonderful opportunity to experience the politics on Capitol Hill firsthand, as well as gain practical life skills by working in a congressional office.

The opportunity to live, work and study in Washington, D.C., has opened my eyes to the reality of life in this unique place. I have seen federalist Washington by visiting the monuments, touring the White House and experiencing the Supreme Court in session.

I have also seen the District of Columbia, which often goes unrecognized and unexplored. I have realized the disparity between Washington's wealth and power and the District of Columbia's struggle and poverty as I have volunteered at an inner-city school for at-risk children. I am learning to look beyond the surface of power and wealth to see the people who walk the streets every day.

To sum it all up, I am learning to learn. I am experiencing life in a new place, with new people and new ideas in an effort to broaden my perspective and increase my understanding about politics, faith and the reality of life. The amazing cafes and boutiques are just a bonus! As the semester continues to pass, I want to squeeze every drop of life that I can while I am here, and when I return to Olivet, I will have hopefully developed not only as a student, but also as a Christian.

Rain Down on Olivet

Students see God at 24 Hour Prayer

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

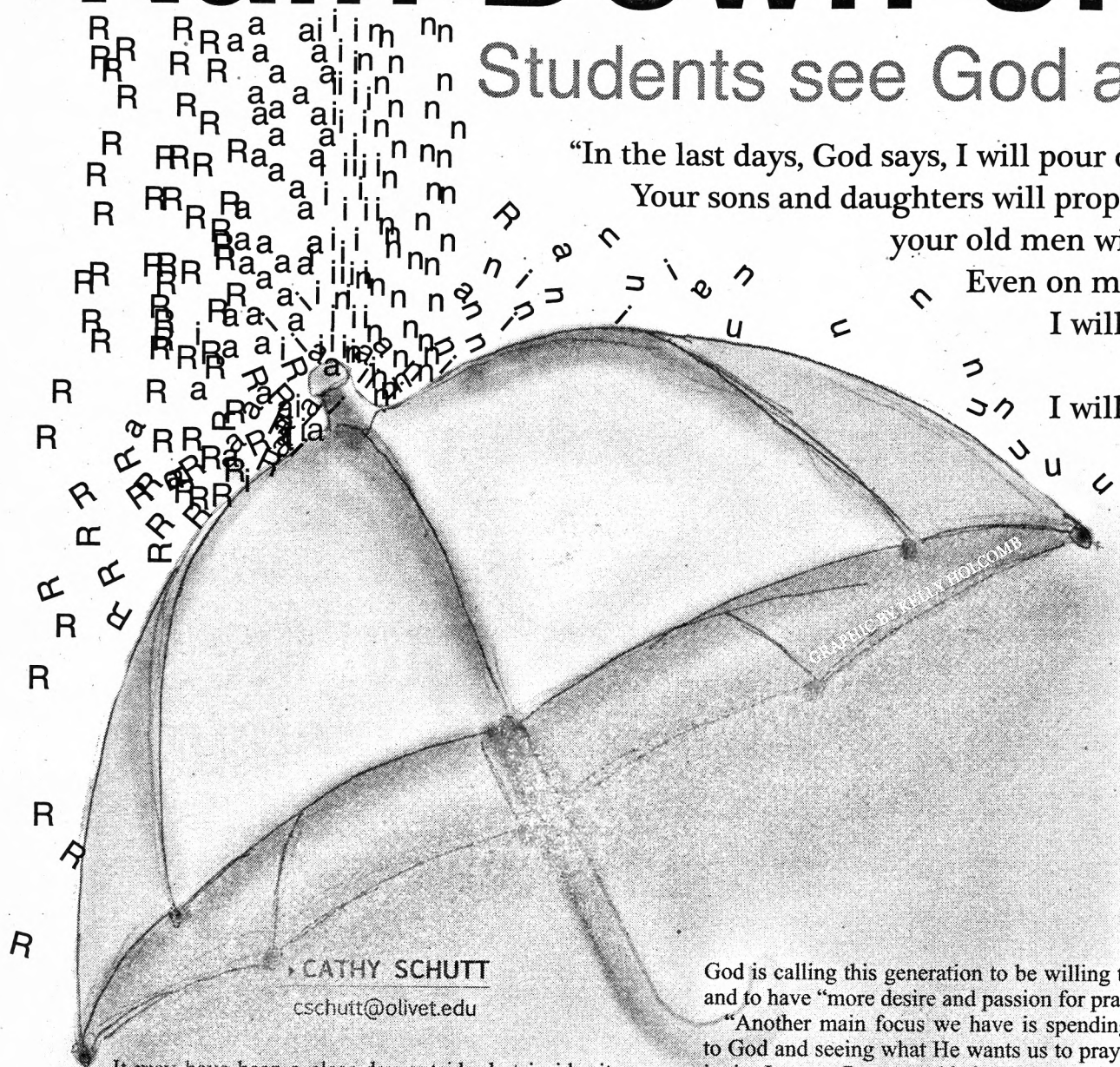
Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

I will show wonders in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great
and glorious day of the Lord.

And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord
will be saved."

- Acts 2:17-21



It may have been a clear day outside, but inside, it was definitely raining.

At 7 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 13, the 24 Hour Prayer kicked off. The theme for the event was "Rain Down," based off Acts 2:17-21.

The key verses were 17 and 18: "In the last days, God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.'"

"We pray that God will soak this campus in His mercy and love ... and reveal Himself to us in a new way," sophomore Sarah Di Monte said prior to the 24 Hour Prayer.

Kelley Prayer Chapel was open from 7 a.m. on Friday to 7 a.m. on Saturday for the 24 Hour Prayer. Students could come in at any time to pray - by themselves, in pairs, in a group, whatever. Sheets of paper lined the walls of the chapel with specific sections for the nation, the campus, the chaplain's office, and personal prayer requests or praises. This way, students could share their own prayer needs and lift up the needs of others.

For 24 hours, student worship leaders filled the chapel with a steady stream of vocals and instrumental music. Senior Owie Ocampo appreciated the time he had to usher in prayer with music.

"I thought it was really awesome to see some of the student body acting out their faith by praying," he said. "I was more than happy to play my guitar in the background - even if it was at 3 a.m."

According to Jordan Bergren, sophomore and VP for spiritual life, about 60 students attended the prayer and worship service at 11 p.m. on Friday, which he said is an increase from last year's attendance.

He added that more students also visited the chapel during the early hours of the morning than last year.

Bergren has led prayer time at the 11 p.m. service for the past two years.

Last year, one of the verses he chose to pray over was this year's theme verse taken from Acts 2, where God says He will pour out His Spirit on His people. The songs that followed also talked about God's Spirit raining down. Bergren said he had not told the worship leaders what he was going to speak about ahead of time and vice-versa. He found out afterward that while he was speaking about God pouring out His Spirit, it began to rain outside - in the middle of December.

Di Monte said that through what happened last year, God provided the "Rain Down" theme for this year's 24 Hour Prayer.

Prayer Warriors, one of Olivet's in-reach ministries, hosted the event.

According to co-leader Sarah Di Monte, the purpose of Prayer Warriors is to "uplift this campus" to Christ. She said

God is calling this generation to be willing to sit at His feet and to have "more desire and passion for prayer."

"Another main focus we have is spending time listening to God and seeing what He wants us to pray," co-leader and junior Luverta Reames added. "We're not just praying out of our own thoughts or what we think we should pray, but we're really asking God and seeing what He wants us to say."

Di Monte said community prayer is beneficial because it provides spiritual accountability. She said God can also speak to someone through the insights of others as He reveals Himself to them.

Prayer Warriors meets at 8 p.m. on Mondays in the Warming House before Party With Jesus and at 9 p.m. on Thursdays in Kelley Prayer Chapel.

Kristin Murray, senior and former co-leader of Prayer Warriors, said she got involved with the ministry last year because she had grown up in a church that was deeply rooted in prayer. Upon entering Olivet, she felt the need to have more prayer on campus.

"I just had a burden on my heart for more prayer here," she said. "I know the power of prayer, I know that it's real, ... and I want everybody else to know that too."

Murray also has a passion for starting a 24-hour house of prayer on campus.

"I would love to have a house of prayer," she said. "But I want to do it because the Lord placed it on my heart."

She added that she would like to see Olivet host a 24 Hour Prayer every month, but realizes that this may take a while to come to fruition.

"It looks like, in my opinion, the Lord is raising up a prayer movement everywhere," Murray said.

Students who attended the 24 Hour Prayer said they truly felt the outpouring of God's Spirit.

"God rained down in such a way that He created an even deeper thirst for him," Di Monte said. "It is our prayer that God will continue to rain down His Spirit on us." She added that she especially felt God move during the 11 p.m. worship service.

"It was a time of worship that you rarely see at Olivet," Bergren said. "It was definitely something marked with divine grace."

Bergren said he also saw God's healing during the 24 Hour Prayer. One student who came to the chapel was having a lot of pain in his arm and couldn't move it. But after he was prayed over by his fellow students, his pain was gone and he could move his arm again. Bergren said that although healing was not necessarily the focus of the night, it did illustrate the power prayer has.

"I absolutely loved every minute of it!" Reames said. Another 24 Hour Prayer is schedule for Feb. 19 and 20.

Di Monte said Prayer Warriors is hosting the event twice this year because God is rising up a generation to call out to Him and not live in "mundane Christianity" anymore. The kind of raw Christianity He desires should be based in prayer, she added.

"When people come together to pray like that, it moves things in the spiritual realm," Bergren said.

Tower of prayer

Kristin Murray said she had once heard someone describe a vision of a tarp hanging over Olivet's campus, where the Holy Spirit waited to be poured out. Before last year's 24 Hour Prayer, she had read

Joel 2:12-13, where God calls His people to rend their hearts to Him.

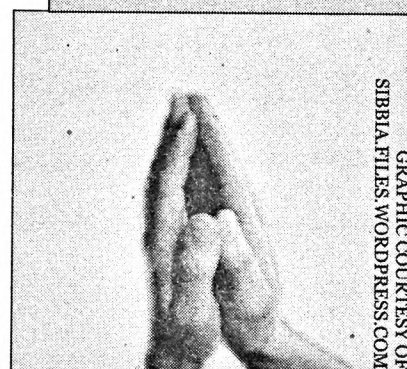
"I felt like what God was saying was that if we will rend our hearts and make ourselves completely open to Him, that

He will pour out His Spirit on us," she said.

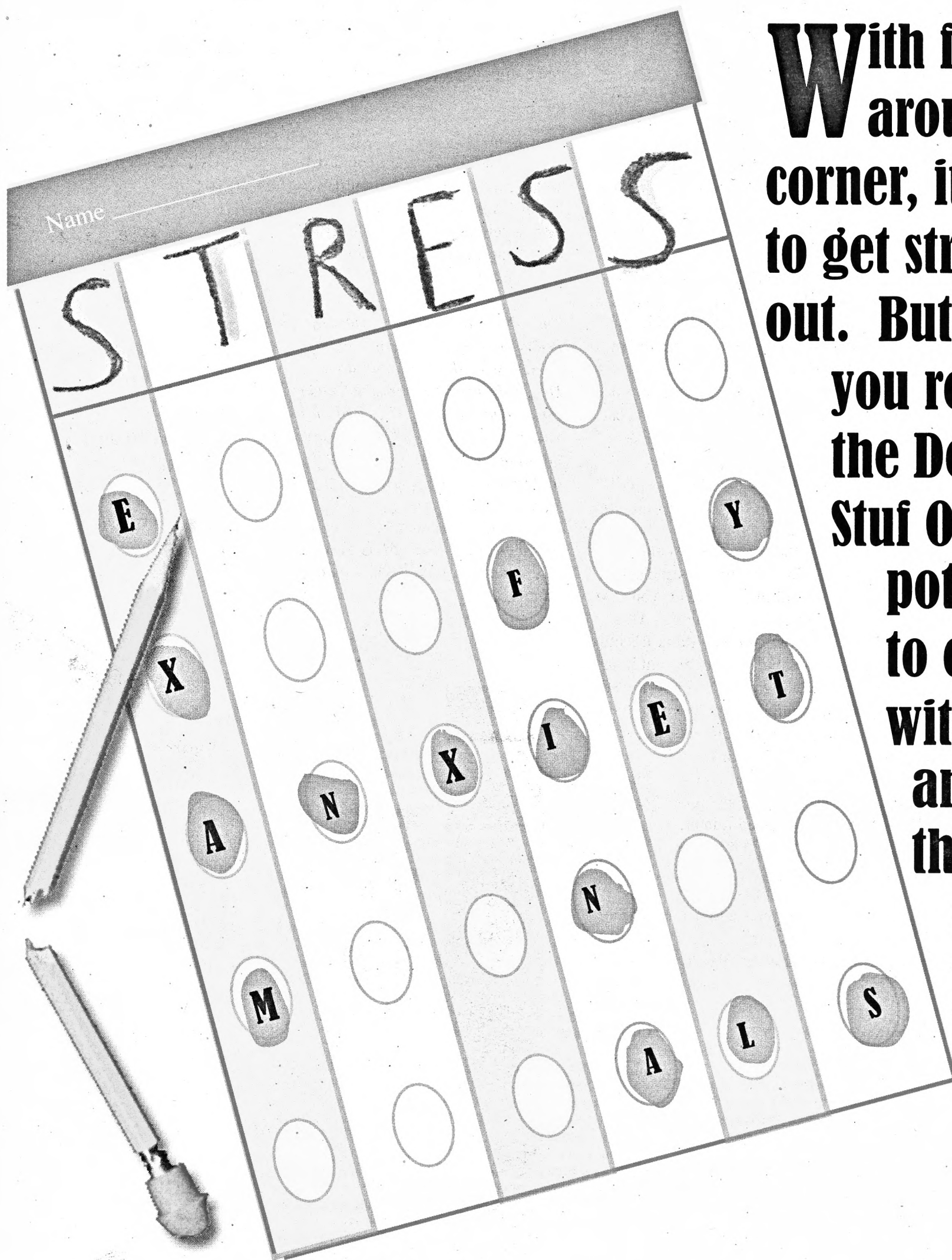
Jordan Bergren said Murray told him that prayer was like a tower rising up to the heavens. He said when the tower reaches the tarp, it will overflow and

God's Spirit will pour down on us.

"It's God encouraging us, saying, 'I want you to pray, because if you do, I will pour out my Spirit,'" Bergren said.



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With finals just around the corner, it's easy to get stressed out. But before you reach for the Double Stuf Oreos or potato chips to cope with the anxiety, try these easy de-stressing tips to help get focused.

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Boyfriend or girlfriend. Parents and siblings. Classes and projects. Professors and RDs. For many these words can conjure up positive feelings and memories of good experiences. For others, these words and ideas give them a knot in their throats and a sick feeling in the pit of their stomachs. While all of these ideas can have positive effects on us, each of these things can also cause stress.

Stress is probably one of the most common complaints we hear about these days. In a 2007 New York Post article, 48 percent of Americans reported they were more stressed than they were five

years earlier and that same percentage of people in the U.S. said they can't sleep at night.

ONU Counseling Services sees over 200 students a year. So far this academic year, we have taken over 140 requests for counseling. Of that 140, 25 percent of those students have symptoms of anxiety significant enough to earn a diagnosis. Out of the other 75 percent of students seen so far this year, about half of them have some symptoms of anxiety. Others are so stressed out that they may not develop symptoms of anxiety but could develop symptoms of depression like helplessness and

hopelessness.

It's not surprising that we're stressed out. In three 2007 studies of college students and the prevalence of adverse events (death of a loved one, divorce or separation of parents, traumatic sexual experience, traumatic violent experience, etc.), 55 percent to 84 percent of the students revealed they had suffered at least one adverse event.

Even if you have fallen victim to an adverse event like the ones listed above; between classes, assignments, roommate issues, relationships and family issues, there are plenty of things that can suck the life and joy from our lives if we lose our mental and emotional control and focus. So what can we do about stress?

We have to embrace it! Yes, you read that right. I said, **EMBRACE STRESS!** Stress is not always a bad thing. If you remember back to your Psych 101 course, there is a continuum for stress. Eustress is on one end and it is a positive stress. Distress is on the other side and it can be destructive. Eustress motivates us. Knowing we have a deadline coming up or knowing that your accountability partner is going to ask you how you're doing can motivate you to work to your best potential. Distress can be overwhelming and put you in a downward spiral toward giving up.

We have to work to achieve balance. Our schedules are crammed with activities, meetings, classes, work, volunteer services and mission trips. In and of themselves, those things are great! However, if we don't practice balance, we'll spin out of control. Ask yourself, "What things are absolutely necessary?" And then give yourself an honest answer. Some students will say, "I have to work because I have to pay for my car." I nod my head in agreement until I find out they are driving a nicer car than I am. If you're working to pay for your fancy SUV or ragtop Mustang, **SELL THE CAR!** It's great to volunteer, but if you're volunteering so much that you don't have time for sleeping at night, you need to re-evaluate.

You need to start thinking of your classes like a full-time job. You're spending thousands of dollars to attend this university. Your second priority should be your classes (your faith should always come first). You also need to prepare. Don't wait until you have a D in the class to talk with the professor or start reading the assigned materials. If you know when a big project is due, don't wait until the last minute. That will throw your

balance off in no time. Plan ahead and work in small chunks of time. It won't seem so overwhelming and you'll be amazed how much you can get accomplished when you think ahead.

We have to be in control of our thoughts. When I work with a students who have test anxiety, we work backward from the moment they freak out on the test. What was she thinking about before she took out her pencil? What was she thinking when she walked in the room? If you're running a doom and gloom monologue in your mind, you're setting yourself up to fail and your anxiety will most likely rise. If you can fix the way you're thinking before your anxiety goes through the roof, you'll have more of a chance of standing up under the pressure.

Use the resources around you. There are a ton of coping mechanisms within your grasp. You have a warm bed in your room - **USE IT!** I know you may think it's impossible, but you need eight hours of rest a night. Your brains are still developing and you have to sleep in order for your memories (what you've studied or read) to consolidate and be stored in your long-term memory so you can recall it when you need it later.

Eat well. I know you may think this is impossible, too, but you have a ton of options. Load up on the veggies and fruits, get the necessary proteins, and drink your milk and water. By giving your body the right type of fuel, your brain will function better and all the rest of your organs will thank you too.

Exercise. You have an awesome fitness center available to you with state-of-the-art equipment. If you're getting the right amount of sleep and eating well, your body will need to be active to burn calories and metabolize the food you're consuming. Exercising also releases the "feel good" chemicals in your brain and you'll feel better physically, mentally and emotionally.

So if you're stressed, how do you cope? Find the good stress, embrace it, find balance, think about the way you think, and **SEE** (Sleep, Eat, Exercise). Last, but certainly not least, focus your mind, efforts and heart on God. Phillipians 4:6-7 says, "Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Basically, God is saying that we should not fear because if we tell

Him about our worries, His peace, which is beyond what our brains can comprehend, will direct and protect our hearts and minds.

When you start to worry, tell God all about it. He wants to hear about what has weighed you down so He can help carry that burden. **WHAT A PROMISE!** That's the best psychology I've ever heard! Try it out. ... I know I've never been disappointed.

The ONU Counseling Services office is offering a study tips and test anxiety workshop on Thursday, Dec. 3, from 6-7 p.m. in the Center for Student Success. They will discuss how to prepare for essay and multiple choice tests, study tips, and relaxation exercises for when you get stressed out. If you have questions, you can call Counseling Services at extension 5665 or send an e-mail to counseling@olivet.edu.

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Seniors currently facing decisions about

Life after graduation ...

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May 8 is less than six months away. But many seniors are already busily preparing for life after graduation day.

According to Houston Thompson, chairman of the department of social work and criminal justice, it is never too early to think about life after graduation. In fact, he begins discussing graduate school in the first month of his Introduction to Social Work class every year.

"The freshmen social work majors will hear it in their first six weeks at Olivet," Thompson said.

In social work, the differences between a Bachelor of Social Work degree and a Master of Social Work degree include a concentration in the field and an additional \$5,000 per year in salary, proving that a higher education does benefit students in the long run.

Paul Koch, professor of economics, said that the decision between attending graduate school and going straight into the work force after graduation depends on the program and where the student is personally when he or she completes an undergraduate degree.

"If you're really interested in graduate school, this might be a good time to do it," he said, "but only if you're really serious about graduate school."

However, he warned that graduate school is a different level of academic experience. Some graduate programs also require a

certain level of experience in the field before admitting students.

On the other hand, Koch said going straight into the work force gives students time to think things through and decide if graduate school is really what they wish to pursue.

Both Thompson and Koch find skill depreciation as a disadvantage to putting off graduate school. They explained that if a student waits too long and gets out of school mode, going back to school may be much more difficult for him than if he attends grad school right after graduation.

"After graduation, life begins to happen," Thompson said.

Koch added that going back to graduate school is much harder to do after a person is married and has children.

Stephanie Baker, a married student and senior social work major, plans to attend the University of Illinois in Urbana to get her master's degree in school social work. Baker said she knows that without a master's degree, finding a job in school social work is nearly impossible. She added that putting off graduate school until later will conflict with her goal of starting a family.

However, before she can enter grad school, Baker must pass the basic skills test.

Most graduate schools require some type of testing before admitting students into their programs. The Graduate Record Examination, or GRE, is one such test.

Senior psychology and sociology major Greg Lengel took the GRE in August. He said he took the test because it is a requirement for most graduate programs, but more specifically, because he plans to get a Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

Lengel said he started preparing for the GRE at the beginning of the summer. He began by reading books about

the test to gain a better understanding of it. He also downloaded the software from the official GRE Web site.

The GRE consists of three sections – analytical writing, verbal and quantitative.

The writing section consists of two essays. For the first essay, an issue is given and the test taker has 45 minutes to write about that

particular issue. In the second essay, the student must analyze an argument in 30 minutes.

The verbal section is made up of analogies, antonyms and reading comprehension. Lengel said this section is similar to the American College Testing exam, or ACT.

The final section, the quantitative, is a mixture of math that is around high-school-level algebra and geometry.

The verbal and quantitative sections both write themselves according to a person's answers. Lengel said that the better you do in the earlier questions, the more challenging the following questions will be, and the better the possibility for a higher score.

With the preparation Lengel did, the test was pretty straightforward.

"There was nothing that was unexpected," he said.

Lengel's advice to other students who plan on taking the GRE is to start early. He advises freshmen to start building their vocabulary and to read as much as possible and as much advanced material as possible. Also, the software Lengel downloaded is the same software used in taking the official test. He said that being comfortable with the software is an advantage to test takers.

"Relax," he added. "It's not as daunting and horrible as people make it out to be. There are other things (graduate schools) look for in your application."

Thompson said students must obey God's plan for their future.

"The bottom line is to follow your heart," he said. "Do what God wants you to do."

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GRE exam

Grad school

or

workforce?

Midnight Munchies

The tradition of late-night food runs

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The Cars said it best in their 1979 hit "Let's Go" – "I like the nightlife baby." There has always been a love affair between college students and nighttime. Whether this is because there are no more bed times that need to be followed because of overprotective parents, or just because nighttime seems like the right time ... to do anything, college students are continuously drawn to the night.

At Olivet, one of the most popular things to do at 11:30 p.m. is get food. There are all kinds of ways to get food late, whether you are with your girlfriend or boyfriend, with a group or even by yourself.

The possibilities are endless: there's the "TB run," which consists of going to the Taco Bell/Pizza Hut on Route 102. This choice does have a price to pay, though – the restaurants do eventually close, and they only do one order at a time. So drivers with more than one person in the car have to drive in circles to please everyone they are hauling.

"There have been a lot of times

I would run to Taco Bell with my friends," senior T.J. Hoekstra said. "There would be, like, four of us, and I'm pretty sure the person taking our money would get sick of us after going through the drive-thru three times."

Taco Bell is certainly not the only place for students to go. Besides the late-night drive-thrus like White Castle, Wendy's and McDonald's, there are the sit-down restaurants like Denny's, Steak 'n Shake and IHOP. Denny's is the most popular location for students to go late at night because they accept Tiger Dollars and offer students a 10 percent discount when they show their student discount cards.

A midnight visitor to Denny's may find several groups of students from Olivet – some chowing down, some just sitting in booths talking to their friends, and others with their laptops open doing homework.

Other students have their own customs and trends when it comes to going out late at night.

"When I go out to Denny's, I bring my own mug from my high school prom," sophomore Mark Jenkins said. "I don't really like



(From left) Joey McLaughlin, Caleb Chastain, David Picon and Mario Sunta check out the menu at IHOP during a time of late-night snacking and socializing.

the cups they have at Denny's, plus I can fit more drink in my cup as opposed to the Denny's cups."

"We enjoy going out to eat weekly," sophomore Mario Sunta said. "It builds community, creates tradition and allows us to share in good times. Even if you aren't going to eat anything, you can still share in the fun."

There are plenty of episodes that seem to happen when students go on late-night food runs.

"Like the one time when an intoxicated individual was picked up from Hills and met us at Denny's when Public Safety dropped him off there," Sunta

said.

Sunta, a resident assistant in Hills, said a man was trying to spend the night in the Hills lobby. He said the man was very friendly, but he didn't seem to be in place at Olivet. Sunta left with his friends to go to Denny's, where he saw the man get dropped off by ONU's Public Safety.

Whether you are packing your friends into your car to go through the drive-thru 10 times or sitting at a restaurant for hours on end studying for a final the next day, be happy to know that no matter what, there will always be a place open so you can get your late-night fix.

Perfect score

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Senior Daniel Sheets has never once skipped chapel during his time at Olivet. I had the opportunity to sit down with him recently and get the inside story on how he managed his perfect attendance.

Q: Why have you never skipped a chapel in the four years that you've been here at Olivet?

A: *I never really had a reason to skip. I knew when I decided to come here that it was required so I just had the mindset that I was going to go. I felt like skipping a few times, but I always ended up going anyway.*

Q: So if you've never skipped a chapel, have you never skipped a class, either?

A: *(Laughing) Oh, I've skipped classes over the years. I try not to but sometimes it happens. One time my freshman year I accidentally skipped a class because I lost track of time while watching C-SPAN.*

Q: Did you have any siblings that went here before you to set the standard of not skipping chapel?

A: *No, I have four brothers that are all younger than me. The only one that is even close to thinking about college is 18. He's planning on going to a Nazarene school in Kansas.*

Q: What was chapel like your freshman year?

A: *I guess you could say I kind of skipped chapel my freshman year. The entire freshman class had to go to chapel every Tuesday. But there was also a religion chapel that was offered once a month on the same day. So, one Tuesday a month I would opt out of the freshman chapel to go to the religion chapel instead. I had permission to do it but I suppose you could consider it skipping.*

Q: Now that you have a perfect record, are you going to keep it up or skip for fun?

A: *I might as well keep up the record. No point in wrecking it now.*

Daniel Sheets is double majoring in English and intercultural studies. He plans to return to Olivet after graduation to get his Master of Arts degree in Christian ministry. Sheets plans to use his education to go into mission work. He's been leading the Mission Support club at Olivet since 2008.

The top 9 Christian albums of 2009

Showbread tops list of runner-up bands

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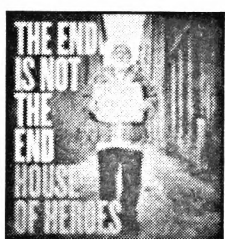
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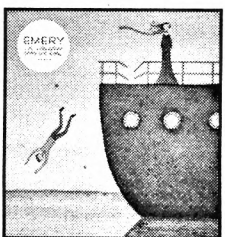
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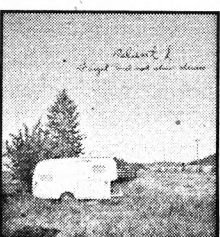
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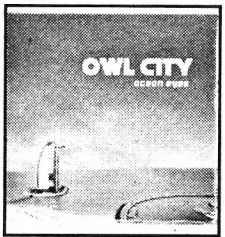
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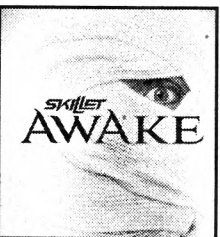
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Artist: mewwithoutYou
Album: "It's All Crazy! It's All False! It's All a Dream! It's Alright"



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MewwithoutYou's stellar album in 2009 is a unique contribution to Christian music.

MewwithoutYou releases classic

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Let's just go ahead and call this one the album of the decade. If you haven't heard this album (or worse, this band at all), you need to stop reading this paper, grab your keys and drive straight to Best Buy. I would even argue that it would be best to ignore the traffic laws that would otherwise slow you down, such as stopping for red lights and stop signs.

Once you have bought the CD, return to your car and don't plan on leaving it until you have heard the album through a few times. This isn't so much an order as it is the reality of the situation. The music is so good you simply won't want to turn off your car.

But what makes this recording such a transcendent experience? How did it earn the title of "Album of the Decade?" And why exactly does this particular collection of songs trump traffic safety? To start, we should classify what exactly this album is.

Through their career, the guys in mewwithoutYou have made a habit of making music that is stylistically unconventional and lyrically convicting. Aaron Weiss, the band's lyricist, singer and accordion/acoustic guitar/tambourine player has earned a repu-

tation as a brilliant storyteller, and his ability to craft metaphors and stories to convey deep wisdom has never shined brighter than it does on this album.

Musically, the record feels like it was recorded around a campfire. Those expecting the aggressive dissonance of the group's first album, "[A ---> B] Life" or the sweeping ambience of their latest effort "Brother, Sister" are likely to be disappointed. In fact, I should probably extend that warning to those hoping to hear something vaguely similar to anything that has been released within the Christian music industry, ever. The record features the standard mix of guitars and drums, as well as instruments including brass, woodwinds, strings and accordion.

In short, this album is pure worship. Every song, from the opener "Every Thought a Thought of You," to the closer, "Allah, Allah, Allah," reflects quiet humility and reverence for God with the quirky twist that only Weiss' imaginative fables can provide, and all of it is set to some of the catchiest music you'll hear this year. I would encourage everyone to try this album, as it is far and away a more rewarding listening experience than anything released in the last few years. It is, in every way, the gold standard by which all other musical releases should be judged.

'Up' offers life lessons, provides plot of highs and lows

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New to DVD, Pixar's "UP" is more than the typical children's movie. Although there were scenes that caused the viewer to say, "No, that could never happen," there were also scenes that taught important life lessons many other films do not teach.

Most movies are predictable. Everything starts right, some tragic or dramatic thing happens in the middle, and in the end everything is right again. The basic message is: Everything will work out in the end. But after 20 minutes of "UP," the viewer is flooded with emotions that alternate between happy and sad.

Life-long friends marry and become Mr. and Mrs. Fredrickson (happy). Mrs. Fredrickson, Ellie, has a miscarriage and is not able to have children (sad). Mr. and Mrs. Fredrickson grow old together and enjoy their time (happy). Ellie gets sick while

Mr. Fredrickson takes care of her (sad). Mr. Fredrickson continues life alone after Ellie dies (sad).

Life lesson: Real life is like a roller coaster that has both good and very sad times.

Russell, the small, slightly overweight Boy Scout, makes the movie what it is, funny and pure. He is determined to "assist" Mr. Fredrickson in his daily activities in order to receive his badge for aiding a senior citizen. This means Russell's dad's promise to attend the ceremony would finally come true. Through the movie, it is made known that Russell's dad has never played a large part in his life. Mr. Fredrickson becomes the male role model Russell needs, and unfortunately, the dad never makes an appearance in the film.

Life lesson: Parents disappoint and may never be the role models they should be.

After a series of events, Russell and Mr. Fredrickson set out on an adventure that Mr. Fre-

drickson thought Ellie always wanted. On their way to their destination, they meet Dug, a Golden Retriever who loved them at first sight, and a bird named Kevin who is loyal to them from the very start. Scene after scene, Mr. Fredrickson gets more and more frustrated with his companions on the trip until finally he "blows a gasket" and drives them away by yelling at them. When he finds Ellie's journal, he sees that she never wanted him to live out her adventures after she was gone, but to forge his own adventure. Mr. Fredrickson makes things right with the other characters and clearly improves his outlook on life.

Life lesson: Although we may spend a lot of time striving for a goal, it may be the relationships we form in the pursuit that are worth more than the goal itself.

Ultimately, the movie "UP" is funny, sad, scary, intense in parts, full of life lessons and very up-lifting.

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Tucci's Restaurant review

Good food, strange atmosphere

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Tucci's Italian Restaurant is a fairly new spot located just off of route 50 near Northfield Square Mall. Tucci's specialty is Italian cuisine, so as you can assume, there is a variety of pasta and pizzas to choose from.

When you walk into Tucci's you will notice that the entire restaurant is themed as an old Italian village with dimmed lights and a relaxing feel. The atmosphere does contradict itself, as the music, which should be low instrumental sounds, is mainly upbeat pop and classic rock music. The music made us want to hurry up and eat our food instead of enjoying the meal and sharing conversation.

The staff was very friendly as far as service goes. The hostess and waitress were very prompt in finding a seat and getting the orders in right away. They also were prompt in refilling drinks, salad bowls and breadstick baskets.

The menu had plenty of choices with a wide variety of prices, the most expensive item being the Steak Italiano priced at \$22.99. The rest of the menu is reasonable for college students looking for fine dining or taking that special girl on a date. Most other items are priced between

\$7.99 and \$13.99. A favorite of ours is the Monday special, which is the bone-in chicken vesuvio, priced at \$9.99.

There are a few catches to the prices on the menu. Most of the menu is a la carte so it costs extra to get the endless breadsticks and salad – \$3.49 a person – or to get additional meat/pizza toppings.

The food itself was presented well and was excellent in taste. The breadsticks and salad tasted great, but the salad was served with Italian house dressing with no alternative offered. The breadsticks were very good, but they were very skimpy with the amount served at each time.

The Italian beef sandwich (\$7.99) was very well done with aujus and peppers on it. The bread was moist and not hard, but it also didn't fall apart when it was picked up. The Italian beef was also served with French fries, which were seasoned and crispy.

All in all, Tucci's is a great restaurant to go to if you are in the mood for Italian food. They serve a wide variety of Italian dishes, but we still found that the atmosphere could have been better when it came to the music; the music should have matched the rest of the setting.

We would recommend Tucci's to anyone looking to go out, sit down and enjoy a well-prepared meal.



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NeedToBreathe released their third album, "The Outsiders," this year.

In the mainstream

NeedToBreathe a different kind of Christian band

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When you think of the band NeedToBreathe, you might think of that innovative music video involving Christmas lights or even being dragged to see "P.S. I Love You" with your high school sweetheart. For me, I see a crew of dedicated Christians changing the world through their rock music. On Oct. 30, I had the opportunity to talk with guitarist Bo Rinehart and drummer Joe Stillwell at their sold-out show at Lincoln Hall in Chicago.

The new album is called "The Outsiders," and I was eager to find out more about these band believers. On the record there is a song titled "Lay 'em

Down," and it mixes boot stomps and guitar chords with convicting lyrics. Rinehart said the inspiration for this new sound came from their upbringing.

"It's who we are as a band. Coming from South Carolina, the dirty-South hymn just feels right and it comes naturally to us," he said.

"The Outsiders" is unlike anything you have ever heard. It does not fit into the mainstream rock scene and it isn't what Christian artists of today are producing. The band has found their place as "outsiders" and it is a place they are content to be.

"We don't write songs for any specific group of people, we write from the heart and whomever it connects with, it connects with," Stillwell said.

Back in August I saw NeedToBreathe open for David Cook at the House of Blues in Chicago. Curious about how being on tour with a non-Christian band affects their walk with God, I asked Rinehart how he stayed on track.

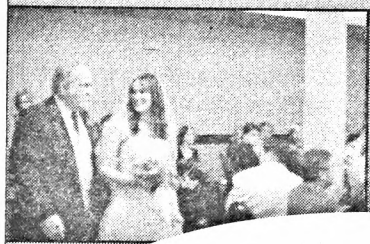
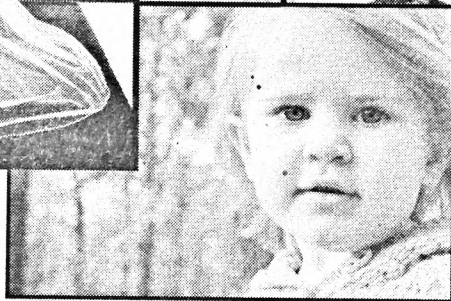
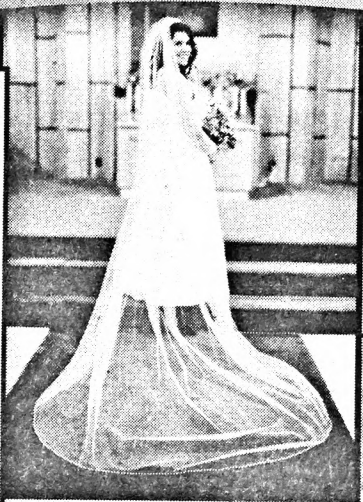
"Knowing most of the guys since we were 8, if anyone is slipping up you gotta knock them on the head and say, 'Be careful,'" he said.

NeedToBreathe believes as a band that being on tour with a mainstream artist gives them the chance to show who they are in Christ and make a difference in the industry.

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ONU's student athletes come in various ways

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Olivet is currently packed out with athletes because of some of the new recruiting techniques used last year. According to Gary Newsome, Olivet's athletic director, 25 percent of students are involved in one of the varsity sports offered at ONU.

So what are the processes used to pull students' attention to Olivet's sports?

The main resource that the school uses to find athletes is recruiting services, Newsome said. High schools across the nation pool their talents and send them to the universities across the nation. High schools then proceed to gather all of the top talents in their districts to one spot. They consolidate the talent into one arena to make it easier for the recruiters. However, it also pushes the athletes to be more competitive with one another. The recruiters have the athletes do basic endurance, strength and teamwork drills to judge their individual abilities, as well as to determine how well they work on a team.

There is more than just athletic ability required to play sports for Olivet. Coaches at ONU look for a 2.9 grade point average and at least a 19 on the American College Testing examination, or ACT, Newsome said. The reason for this is that they want their students to contribute to the whole student body. The coaches and sports directors expect all of their athletes to give the same amount of energy into all other parts of their life as they do for their sport, Newsome said.

"We are looking for more than just athletic ability," he said. "We look for good sportsmanship, a positive attitude and scholarship."

The second method for finding athletes comes down to the students themselves. When they apply to attend ONU, Newsome said, students send in a special request for a recruiter to come see them in their specific sport. If students excel in one sport, then someone from ONU attends a sports competition, usually a conference event, in which students have the chance to demonstrate their abilities on a highly competitive playing environment.

Some of the best All-American athletes are found just by these simple measures. But there is one place to look for quality athletes besides straight from high school. Transfers come in all the time from junior colleges all across the country. The process for finding these athletes is a little bit more demanding. It is the focus of all coaches at junior colleges to be looking for opportunities for their athletes after they are done at the two-year college.

For example, the football team played at least four transfers on this year's starting lineup for a game.

All sports require some form of recruiting. Newsome said that if a sport does not exist at a school,

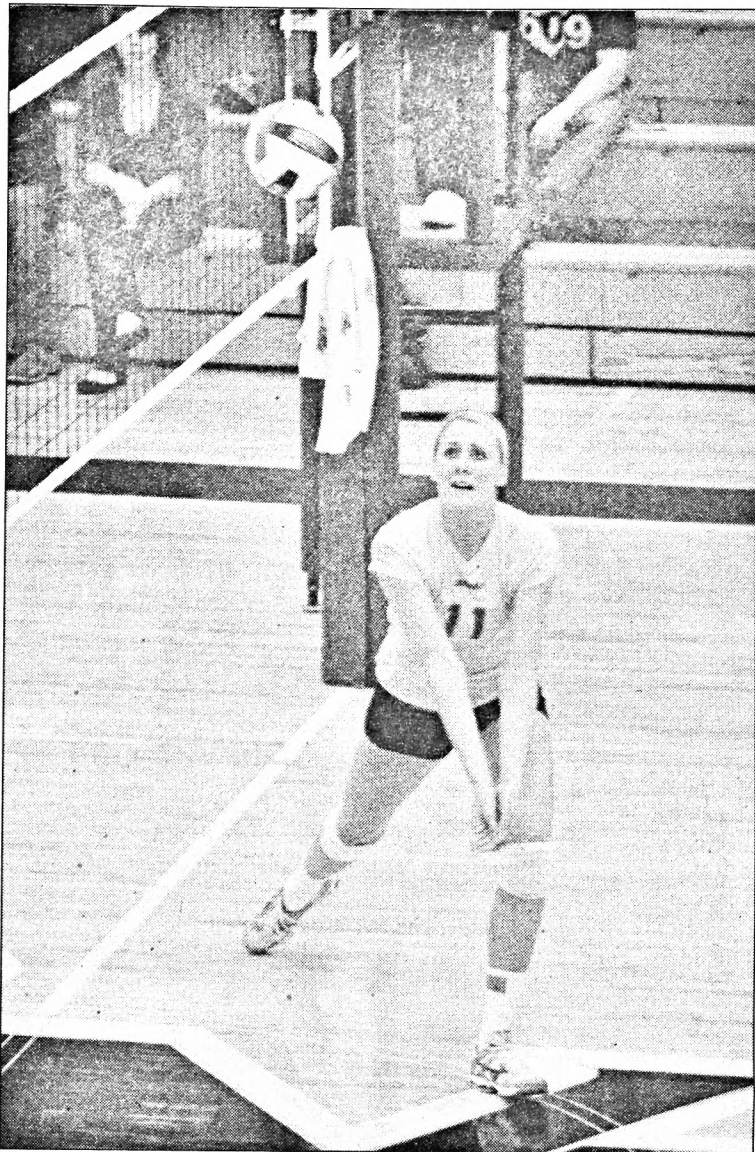


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Junior Tara Schmidt played in all 156 games at right side hitter as a freshman on the volleyball team.

then a large amount of students showing interest will be the necessary tool to start that sport.

Even after a sport begins, he said, there is still more work to be done in the area of recruiting

in order to build the sport up for success in the future. This year, enough interest was shown to begin a women's golf team. The team will be added as an official sport next fall.

Student has alternative fight song for ONU

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There is an alternative to Olivet's fight song, which football coach Don Lee said has a melody taken from the University of Southern California.

Lee said he got his information from B.J. Geasa, head athletic trainer at ONU.

Music major Reuben Lillie wrote a new song and composed a new melody for the department in 2007. The song's meaning is based on Olivet's Christian perspective.

"A college is its own entity, we should have our identity, and this identity should be unique," Lillie said. "The fight song should remind us of what we need to do on the court, in the classrooms and most of all in our life."

There are students who are in support of the song change after hearing the facts of the current song, which were reported in the last issue of the GlimmerGlass.

"I don't agree with the current song because it's not even our song," said Jen Ferreira, a football fan. "I like Reuben's version of the song better because it actually represents our school colors as well as our beliefs."

Mark Bell, the senior captain of the men's tennis team, also likes Lillie's song, as he said he believes that it represents what Olivet stands for

THE LYRICS FOR REUBEN LILLIE'S FIGHT SONG: "FOR OLIVET"

We fight for Olivet,
And this we'll not forget.

That God is our guide;
He gives us strength today,
And it's for Him we play;
To fight on all the way,
So fight on Tigers.

Giving Him our all, we
wear the Stripes, the
Purple and the Gold!

So fight for ONU,
Our alma mater true;
With God as our guide,
Till ending of our days,
Christ is the one we'll raise;

This game is for His
praise.

So, fight on Tigers,
For O-N-U!

and who students should really play for, which is God.

Junior volleyball player Sara Byrne believes the song should change and be played at other sports contests at Olivet.

"The song shouldn't just be for the football team," she said. "I think that having it played at all the games would bring more school unity."

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE FIGHT SONG ISSUE?

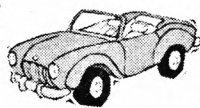
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The men's soccer team shows off its hardware after winning the CCAC championship over Judson University.

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Men's soccer team wins title

Conference tournament victory first in school history

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Players on the ONU men's soccer team can call themselves champions after a 1-0 win over Judson University last Saturday in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament. That marks the first time the team has won the tournament.

The team, now 15-6, went into the CCAC quarterfinals on a two-game winning streak where they had outscored their previous opponents 6-1.

When asked about the atmosphere of the playoffs, goalkeeper Kenny Huber said, "It's where I play my best when there is something on the line because I feel that confidence within myself just skyrocket and there isn't an option of failure when I'm playing a game that is a win-or-go home situation."

In Olivet's quarterfinal contest

against Robert Morris University, the game went into overtime tied at 0-0. The Tigers would pull out a win at home in the second overtime with a final score of 1-0. The team went on the road to play in the tournament semifinals against the St. Xavier University Cougars; the Tigers would eventually go up 3-1 with goals by Cory Miller and Vincent Mkhwanazi. After the Cougars started to gain some momentum with a goal to make the game 3-2, the Tigers would quiet the potential comeback and finish the game with a win.

Despite the excellent victory, the Tigers would lose a valuable player, senior Josh Ayers, as he was given two yellow cards that ejected him from the rest of the game and from the championship game.

"Although I will not be on the field with my teammates, I believe that there is plenty I can do along with our players from the bench," Ayers said before the

championship game. "We will be supporting the players on the field with a lot of yelling, cheering and positive attitudes."

The championship game was held Nov. 14 at Judson University, where the confidence of the Tigers seemed to continue to grow.

"I have seen a huge confidence boost in our set pieces at practice ... Many members of our team realized that we could use those opportunities to score goals," Ayers said.

This confidence carried over to the championship game in which the Tigers played against Judson on the road. The battle was fierce as Huber was given a red card after an altercation with an opposing player. The Tigers would end up winning the battle 1-0 over Judson and claiming the crown.

This team is the first one in school history to win this championship and move on to national tournament play, which will have the Tigers traveling to Ohio to

THE VICTORY

WHO: Olivet Nazarene University vs. Judson University

WHAT: ONU beat Judson 1-0 to capture its first conference title in school history

WHAT'S UP NEXT: The team faces Notre Dame College on Nov. 21 in national tournament play

play Notre Dame College on Nov. 21.

The men's soccer team is not only focused on their play on the field but they are also focused on the relationships they have with each other and the Lord. After speaking to players like Ayers and Huber, it clear that the men's soccer team gives all of its accomplishments to God and praises Him for everything they have achieved. This team truly believes in itself and in the God that they serve.

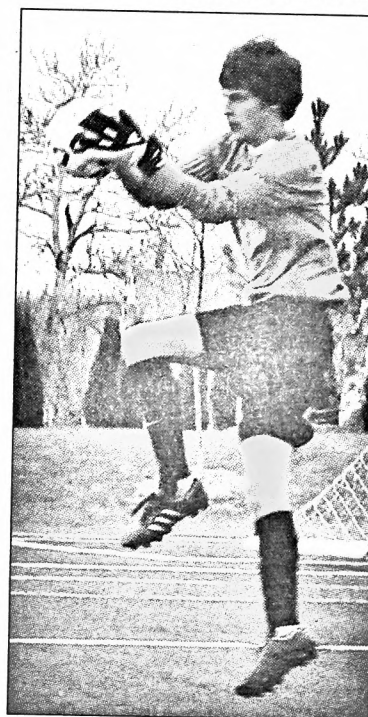


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Goalkeeper Kenny Huber makes a save against Judson.

DID YOU KNOW?

Men's soccer goalkeeper Kenny Huber had a chance to play for the Chicago Fire, a team in Major League Soccer.

This past year, the Fire were having open tryouts for their semiprofessional team. Huber, after being told about the tryout by teammate Cory Miller, decided to see if he could make the team.

"I didn't make the team because I went the very last day of tryouts and they had goalies that have been there for the very first day of it," Huber said. "But I got a call later during the summer because they had my contact information and said they would like me to come to a couple practices."

This was the kind of experience Huber needed to possibly get to the next level of play at the goalie position. Huber went on to explain that he was able to carry over this kind of experience into his play for the Tigers. With another year of eligibility for Olivet, Huber will be able to get the practice and experience needed to reach the pro soccer ranks.

"I hope to get a shot to play professional soccer someday, but all you can do is let God take control," he said. "And whatever his plan is for me is what is best, and I know that."

ONU basketball in full swing

Men's and women's teams to play two games in California

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When the leaves have almost completely fallen off the trees and the temperature starts to chill, most ONU fans remember winter, and most think of basketball. After a fall full of soccer, football, cross-country, golf, tennis and volleyball – and before anyone has a chance to breathe – basketball season is upon us. It never seems to get a proper introduction because of the overlap of the other seasons, and rightfully so, because that means the other ONU sports are playing into the postseason.

The women's basketball team came into this season returning only two seniors and adding a number of new faces, including 10 freshmen. Head coach Doug Porter's up-tempo offense and high-pressure defense demands learning the finer details of a different type of system. With so many new faces, the Tigers will look to adjust quickly and win just the same.

The Tigers opened up on Monday, Nov. 2, on the road against Lindenwood University (Mo.), winning 112-94. Four days later, they

hosted Georgetown College (Ky.) on homecoming night but lost their first game 119-93. Then on Thursday, Nov. 12, the Tigers looked to get back in the win column but would lose their second straight to a tough Davenport University (Mich.) team, 108-85 at home. The Tigers played Nov. 19 in San Diego, Calif., against San Diego Christian College, winning 101-63. They will compete on Saturday, Nov. 21, in San Diego, Calif., against Point Loma Nazarene University (Calif.).

The ONU men's basketball team, ranked 25th in a preseason poll, came into this season with 13 returning players: six seniors, four juniors, three sophomores and all five starters from last year's squad. Head coach Ralph Hodge knows he has the talent and experience to win games this year, but has to get the team to play smart, together and hard in all games this season.

The Tigers opened their season on homecoming night against Cincinnati Christian College (Ohio) and won 100-40. They then went on the road on Monday, Nov. 9, to Jackson, Tenn., to play Union University, the 11th-ranked team, winning 69-66 and getting an early-season statement win. The next evening, ONU traveled to Charleston, Ill., to play

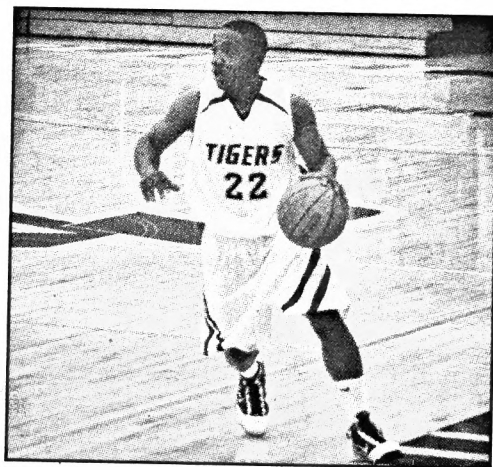


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Sophomore Antonio Marshall

in an exhibition contest against NCAA Division I opponent Eastern Illinois University, losing in a close game, 72-70. The Tigers took their 2-0 record next to Irvine, Calif., on Wednesday, Nov. 18, against Concordia University and lost 77-85 in overtime.

Like the women's basketball team, the men's team will face PLNU on Nov. 21.

Nick Birkey is the men's sports information director at Olivet.